

U.S. Marine Corps Commandant's House (Commandant's
House, Marine Barracks)
801 G Street, SE
Washington
District of Columbia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) U. S. Marine Corps Commandant's House			HABS NO. DC-134
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Commandant's House or Marine Barracks			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 801 G Street, SE			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1801		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) attributed to George Hadfield	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built on site selected by President Jefferson and has housed every Marine Corps Commandant since 1806, thus very significant as documentation of early years of the Corps.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Federal, remodeled to Second Empire Style			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 42' by 32'; 2½ stories; raised basement; mansard roof with large dormers; rear facade comprised of 2 curving bays; 1-story rear porch; low flanking wings			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Fanlighted entry; splayed lintels with keystones; denticulated cornice; sunburst pattern decorates arches of dormers			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Central hall with groin vault.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES House originally had 3-bay front, central hall and hipped roof with cupola; facade extended 16' in 1840; flanking wings added; renovated and mansard roof added 1891 (Hornblower and Marshall, architects); rear porch enclosed 1907; numerous other alterations			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1974 appeared good.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974. Listed on National Register of Historic Places. Category II District of Columbia Landmark.			
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